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UST Owners and Operators,
Environmental Consultants, and
Other Interested Parties

Re: Announcement of Changes to the LUST Site Characterization Process

The Indiana Department of Environmental Management (IDEM) Leaking Underground Storage Tank (LUST) program continues to examine innovative ideas to improve processes and customer service. IDEM is excited to announce changes to the submittal and review process for Leaking Underground Storage Tank (LUST) Site Characterization. The LUST program along with external stakeholders evaluated the LUST process looking for ways to reduce the amount of time it takes to complete Site Characterization and gain regulatory approval from IDEM resulting in the process outlined below. In addition to the Initial Site Characterization (ISC) submittal and review the goal is to submit one comprehensive Further Site Investigation (FSI) report that documents complete delineation of contaminants in soil and ground water within 365 days from release confirmation.

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- On October 1, 2013 the IDEM LUST Program will implement a new process for site characterization for releases reported after this date. This new process will include the utilization of three new state forms.
 - ISC Checklist
 - ISC Cover Sheet and Report Format
 - FSI Cover Sheet and Report Format

*Available soon on the LUST website at www.IN.gov/idem/4997.htm.

- As required by 329 IAC 9-5-5.1 all ISC reports are required to be submitted within sixty (60) days of a confirmed release.
- All ISC Reports must be submitted in the ISC Report Format and include an ISC Checklist and ISC Cover Sheet for IDEM to complete their review. IDEM's goal is to review all ISC reports within sixty days (60) days of receipt and return the evaluated checklist.

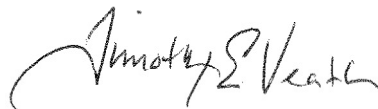


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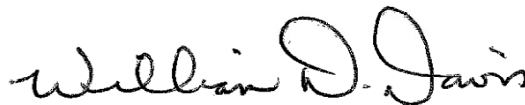
- All items marked as inadequate on the returned and signed ISC Checklist must be addressed in the timeframe required in IDEM correspondence.
- Releases requiring an FSI per 329 IAC 9-5-6 to complete site characterization will be given a deadline 365 days from the date the release was confirmed to determine the full nature and extent of soil and ground water contamination and submit documentation to IDEM. If delineation requires more than one mobilization and sampling event, interim report submittal and IDEM review is not required. The IDEM project manager assigned to your site will be available to provide informal guidance via telephone, email, or on-site support during the step out process. The owner should continue with delineation until the delineation process is completed and a report is submitted within the 365 day deadline set by IDEM. IDEM is requesting one comprehensive FSI report. Failure to submit required documentation delineating the release may result in a referral to the office of enforcement.
- Off-Site property access should be aggressively pursued in order to meet these deadlines. IDEM will be available when necessary to assist with issues pertaining to off-site access.
- Those owners and operators seeking reimbursement from the ELTF for eligible releases should make sure that those activities are cost effective and comply with 328 IAC 1-3-5.

This process will allow consultants to work freely to complete delineation of contamination, shorten the time (currently 2-3 years) to complete delineation, lighten the load of regulatory report review by IDEM (one comprehensive FSI submittal as opposed to 2-3 FSI submittals), and result in more timely access to the ELTF fund for reimbursement of site characterization costs for ELTF eligible releases.

Sincerely,



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